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SUBJECT: TALK WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR

1. DOMINIQUE CHARPY, MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE, SAW ME DECEMBER 29 FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON. HE WAS INTERESTED IN ATHERTON'S VISIT AND SAID HE PRESUMED IT CONCERNED UNSC MEETING IN JANUARY ON MIDDLE EAST.

2. I TOLD CHARPY THAT VISIT WAS TO DETERMINE SOME INITIAL IDEAS AND REACTIONS IN THE AREA TO THE MEETING. WE HOPED TO AVOID SESSION WHICH PRODUCED A RESOLUTION WHICH UNDERMINED THE BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS. I ASKED CHARPY FOR FRENCH VIEWS ON THE SESSION. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING FROM PARIS, BUT WAS SURE FRENCH SHARED WITH US THE POINT THAT THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS NOT BE UNDERMINED BY THE JANUARY SESSION.

3. CHARPY ALSO REPORTED THAT HE AND BRITISH COLLEAGUE HAD SEEN RIFAI DECEMBER 27. RIFAI TOLD THEM KHADDAM WOULD BE COMING TO JORDAN SHORTLY TO WORK OUT

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RESOLUTIONS TEXTS WITH RIFAI. RIFAI ADDED THAT HE HOPED

TO FORMULATE A TEXT WHICH COULD SATISFY BOTH THE US AND
THE SYRIANS. HE WAS NOT SURE HE COULD DO THIS.HIS
THOUGHTS (GIVEN TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH) WERE ALONG
THE LINES POSSIBLY OF A TEXT WHICH WAS VERY GENERAL AND
WHICH MENTIONED NO RESOLUTION. CHARPY ALSO SAID RIFAI
WAS TOYING WITH A TEXT WHICH WOULD MENTION THE PRINCIPLE
OF COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, BUT SOMEHOW DIFFERENCITATE
THE PRINCIPLE FROM NEGATION OVER SECURE BOUNDARIES
(INHERENT IN THE LATTER POINT CHARPY SAID IS SOME TRADING
OF TERRITORY). CHARPY ALSO SAID RIFAI IS THINKING BOUT
A TEXT WHICH HANDLED THE PALESTINIANS RIGHTS ISSUE BY
REFERRED IN SOME WAY TO PAST RESOLUTIONS.
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